[Translation)

Laxmibai Reservoir in U.P.

5693. SHRI RAJENDRA AGNIHOTRI : Will the Minister of WATER RESOURCES be pleased to state :

(a) whether the work on lift canal of the Laxmibai Reservoir in U.P. has been suspended;

(b) if so, the details thereof and the time by which the work will be started and the areas of M.P. and U.P. that will be benefited therefrom; and

(c) the policy of the Government to protect the future of the employees engaged in the project ?

THE MINISTER OF WATER RESOURCES (SHRI JANESHWAR MISHRA) : (a) to (c) The construction work of the Canal is being carried out by the State Governments. No such information has been reported to the Central Government.

[English]

Sidhmukh Canal Irrigation Project

5694. SHRI NARENDRA BUDANIA : Will the Minister of WATER RESOURCES be pleased to state :

(a) whether the Union Government had cleared Sidhmukh Canal Irrigation Project in Churu Parliamentary Constituency of Rajasthan;

(b) the reasons for the delay in making the irrigation project operational and the steps taken in this regard;

(c) the amount allocated by the Union Government for this project, so far; and

(d) the latest position with regard to its construction work ?

THE MINISTER OF WATER RESOURCES (SHRI JANESHWAR MISHRA) : (a) to (d) Sidhmukh & Nohar Projects have been given investment clearance by the Planning Commission in July, 1990 for an estimated cost of Rs. 103 crores and Rs. 40.59 crores respectively. The projects are to benefit the districts of Hanumangarh and Churu.

The State Government of Rajasthan has combined both the projects for the purpose of smooth implementation. The works on Sidhmukh and Nohar Project commenced in Annual Plan 1990-92 and is scheduled to be completed by 2000-01. The Project is receiving external assistance from European Economic Community of Rs. 135.00 crores. The plan funds allocated to this project upto March, 1997 are Rs. 146.00 Crores.

The latest estimated cost of the Project is Rs. 235.00 crores and the anticipated expenditure upto 3/97 is Rs. 173.53 crores. The Physical Progress on the project is as under :-

Sidhmukh Command	Total quantity (Km)	Quantity Executed upto 3/97 (KM)
Sidhmukh Feeder	20	20
Raslana Disty	64	36.6
Dishmukh Disty	52	–
Minor network in Nohar Command	251	42.3
Nohar Command		
Jasna Major Feeder	3	3
Khanania Disty	25.5	25.1
Nohar Distributory	22.6	22.5
Jasna Disty	30.5	27.3
Minor network in Nohar Command	121	95.3

Barshi Cancer Hospital

5695. SHRI SHIVAJI VITHALRAO KAMBLE : Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state :

(a) whether attention of the Government has been drawn to the news-item captioned "Cancer is no more a horror to those villagers" as reported in the Times of India dated November 4, 1996;

(b) if so, whether Barshi Cancer Hospital is working in very interior part of rural Maharashtra;

(c) if so, whether the said hospital is providing cancer treatment facilities to poor farmers and rural people; and

(d) if so, the steps Government propose to take to provide financial as well as other support to the said hospital ?